Statement-II

Statewise Participation of Children in the 2nd National Connection on Child Labour in New Delhi

S.No.	State	No. of children
1.	Andhra Pradesh	95
2.	Bihar	101
3.	Chandigarh	10
4.	Delhi	60
5.	Gujarat	95
6.	Haryana	10
7.	Himachal Pradesh	12
8.	Karnataka	83
9.	Madhya Pradesh	9
10.	Maharashtra	110
11.	Orissa	100
12.	Punjab	21
13.	Rajasthan	18
14.	Tamil Nadu	144
15.	Uttar Pradesh	55
16.	Grand total	923

Denial of visas on extra Passport Sheets

*468 DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Times of India, New Delhi on 6th April, 1997 under the heading "Traveller suffer as visa on extra passport sheets is denied";

(b) whether it is fact that some of the Embassies/High Commissions, are refusing to honour the documents and stamp visas on them; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the steps proposed to be taken by Government to safeguard the interests of Indians going abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) Government is aware that some Embassies and High Commissions have amended their visa regulations to issue visas only on passport booklets and not on additional visa sheets. Specific instances have also been brought to the attention of the Government by foreign missions where additional visa sheets have been illegally removed from one passport and affixed on another passport.

In view of the changed regualtions as well as the possibility of misuse of additional visa sheets, Government have advised all the Passport Issuing Authoritics in India and Missions abroad to discontinue attaching of additional visa sheets and to instead issue a fresh passport booklet without any additional verifications. Fees charged for this would be as for the normal passport i.e. Rs. 300 for standard size booklet and Rs. 500 for Jumbo booklet. Government is also encouraging the frequent travellers to obtain Jumbo passport booklets. To avoid delay in issue of replacement passport booklets, the instructions are that the service should not take longer than 5 working days.

Pending Cases in MRTPC

*469. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI NAGMANI:

Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up status of pending cases in the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission (MRTPC), as on date;

(b) whether any mega city-wise/metropolitan city-wise, State-wise review regarding registration, disposal and pendency of cases in the MRTPC was udnertaken during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to strengthen/reorient/restructure the MTRPC during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There were 3411 enquiries/cases pending in the MRTP Commission as on 31.3.1997. The break up of the enquiries/cases is as under: